

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

An authentication service for a gaming network including gaming machines provides systems and methods for authenticating entities on the gaming network. The gaming services framework comprises a set of services, protocols, XML schemas, and methods for providing  
5 gaming system functionality in a distributed, network based architecture that includes gaming machines and servers. The systems and methods provide a service-oriented framework for gaming and property management based upon internetworking technology and web services concepts.